Scheduled Trips for DTC

924. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of scheduled trips of DTC routes during 1987 and 1988, year-wise and the total number of trips missed by DTC during the same period, year-wise;

(b) what was the number of scheduled trips on the DTC routes available from Vasant Vihar in the months of May, June and July, 1987, January, February, July, August, November and December, 1988 and January, Febfuary, March, 1989, route-wise and month-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that on some of these routes the number of scheduled trips was curtailed during the above period, if so, the details of such routes alongwith the extent of curtailment and the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the total number of trips missed on these routes during 1987, 1988 year-wise and so far in 1989; and

(e) what steps are being taken to strengthen and improve the services from Vasant Vihar in view of considerable increase in the number of commuters in the recent past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Details are as under:

(in lakhs)

Year	Total No. of scheduled trips	Total number of trips missed
1987- . . .	5.02	0.69
1988 . . .	4.09	0.65

(b) Details are annexed. (*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 46].

(c) to (e) The curtailment of trips is necessitated on account of traffic blockade due to jamming, rallies, demonstration, accidents, etc. DTC has informed that trip-wise record of such curtailment is not maintained.

The details of trips missed on routes from Vasant Vihar are as under:

Year	No, of trips missed
1987	14,624
1988	7,198
1989 (upto March) . .	879

In order to improve services and reduce missing of trips, the steps taken by DTC include improved maintenance to reduce breakdowns, replacement of overaged buses and route-rationalisation.

Recommendations of National Transportation Safety Board

925. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board and whether these have been communicated to the State Governments;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Board has suggested that smooth flow of pedestrian traffic could improve the safety on roads, if so, whether the Board has availed ways to solve the issue of pavement dwellers and footpath vendors settled in the big cities; and

(c) whether the Supreme Court has finally disposed off this issue in favour of local bodies to vacate the encroachment on footpaths, and whether the Board is aware of such constraints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In respect of road transport sector the National Transportation Safety Board have recommended provision of road signs at potentially dangerous locations, design guidelines in the construction of pedestrians foot-paths in urban areas, and safety precautions on Causeways. These have been communicated to all the State Governments and UT Administrations.

(b) While communicating design guidelines for footpaths, the Board has observed that the designs and the lay out should be such as would facilitate pedestrian traffic and ensure safety of the pedestrians. It does not deal with the question of pavement dwellers and footpath vendors.

(c) Position is being ascertained. Although aware of the constraints caused on the movement of pedestrian traffic due to footpath dwellers and footpath vendors, the National Transportation Safety Board have not made any recommendations on this issue, at the present juncture.

Reservation of Export Cargo for Indian Ships

926. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to reserve 40 per cent of export cargo in Indian ships, if not, what are the reasons therefor and since when this issue is pending;

(b) what are the suggestions and view points of the different concerned Ministries and whether these are complimentary or conflicting with each other;

(c) what is the percentage of export cargo carried by domestic liners and the total foreign exchange earned by the Indian Shipping industry; and

(d) whether the U.N. Conference on shipping has suggested 40 per cent of cargo share for indigenous industry, if so, what steps have been taken by Government to protect and augment export cargo by Indian ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Government have not so far decided about any such reservation. The matter is pending since 6-10-1983 when the United Nations Convention on Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences came into force. The main reason is that the export organisations have voiced their opposition to any element of compulsion in the proposal. Ministry of Commerce have also expressed certain reservations about the modalities and time frame in which cargo support should be given to national lines.

(c) The percentage of export cargo carried by Indian lines is as under:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Total exports	Indian lines share	Percentage	Foreign lines share	Percentage
1985-86	39.44	7.28	18.5	32.16	81.5
1986-87	41.59	8.21	19.7	33.38	80.3
1987-88	39.26	7.24	18.4	32.05	81.6